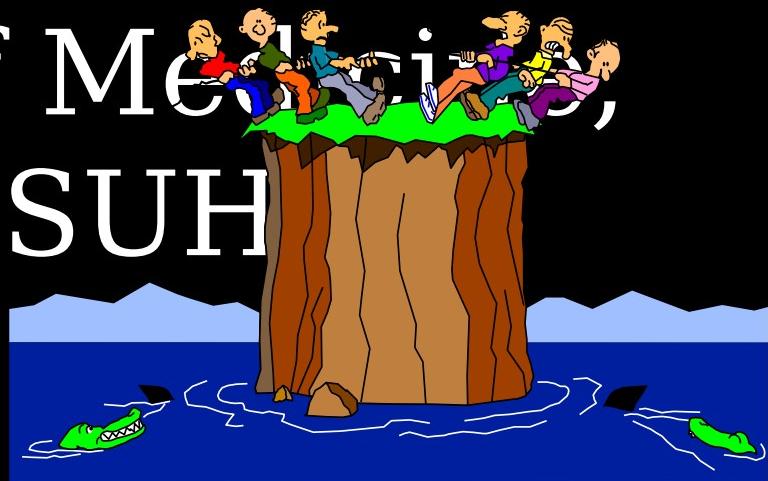


Lessons for Peacekeepers

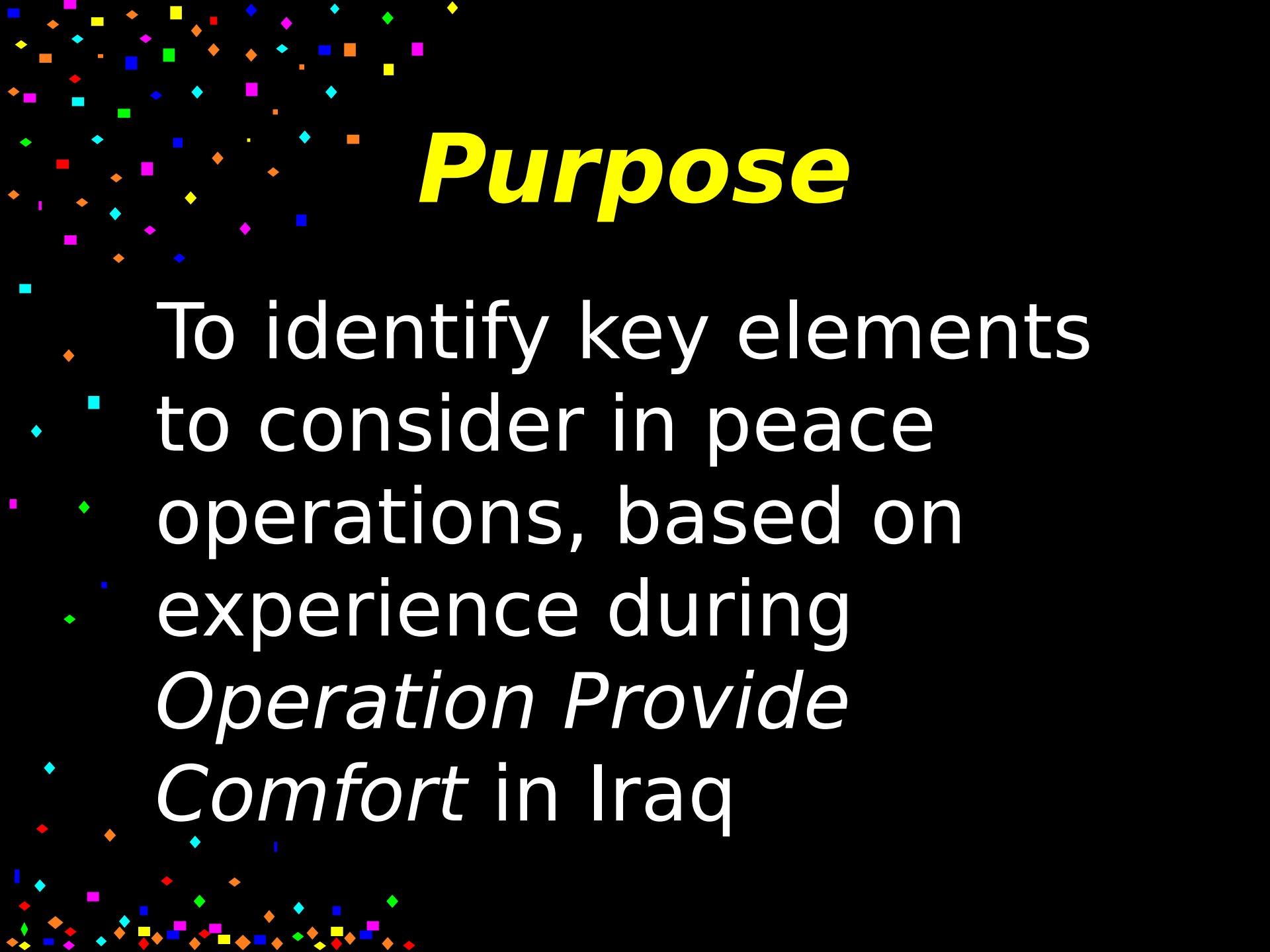
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- i LTC John P. Abizaid, USA
 - Ops officer in Lebanon
 - Bn Cdr during *Provide Comfort*



Purpose

- To identify key elements

- to consider in peace

- operations, based on
experience during

- *Operation Provide*

- *Comfort* in Iraq

Outline

- - *Provide Comfort*
 - - Bn-level lessons learned
 - Preparation
 - Operational
 - Critical Features & Guidelines
 - *Conclusions*

Provide Comfort

- ★April-July, 1991
- □ 3d Bn, 325th Airborne Bn
- □ Combat Team
- □ Tasked to provide security
for overall operation

Initial Mission

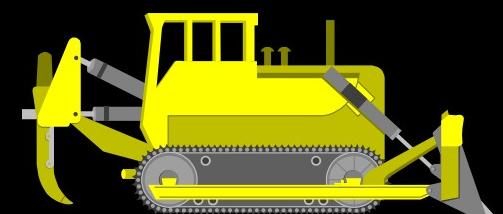
- ★Establish Kurd safe haven
 - □ Move Iraqis out
 - □ Establish a security zone
 - □ Promote peace between Kurdish guerrilla groups

Preparation (rehearsals, 1 of 2)

- Checkpoint Drills
 - building & manning checkpoints
 - search techniques
 - overwatch avenues of approach
- Wargaming
 - plt leaders face tough decisions

Preparation (2 of 2)

- ★Countermine Training
- - Education program
- - Rehearse extracting troops from mined areas
- □ Careful choice of equipment
 - esp. mobility & engineering

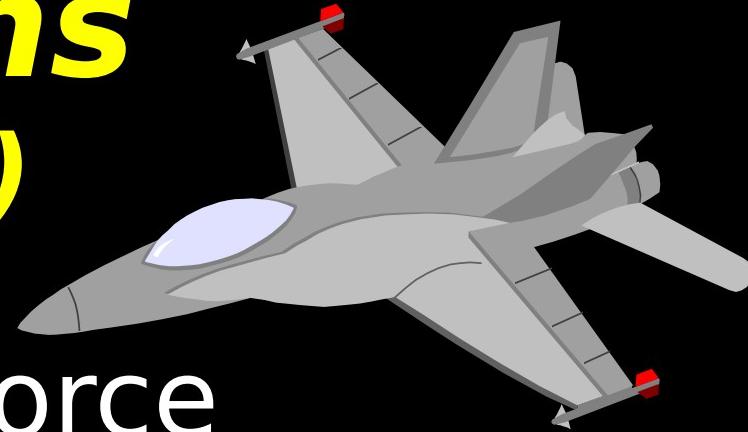


Operational Lessons

- □ Communicate **(1 of 3)** cdr's intent
- □ Expect dynamic situation, requiring maneuverability
- □ Anticipate time constraints, bad weather, night ops, hostile environment

Operational Lessons

(2 of 3)

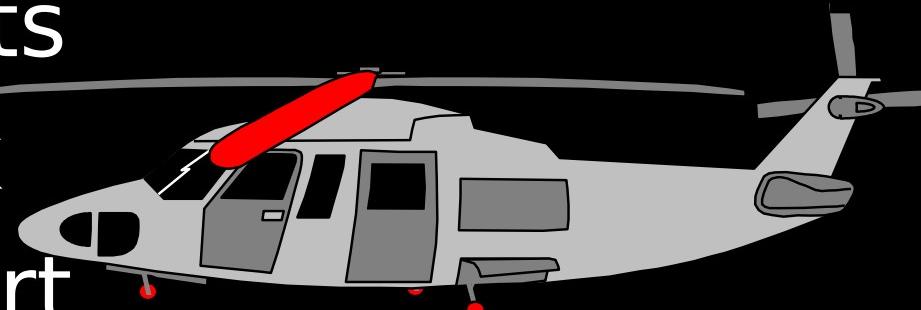


- ★ Air cover
- □ Judicious use of force
- □ Coordination between units
- □ Fixed & hasty checkpoints
- □ Detain & search intruders

Operational Lessons

(3 of 3)

- ★Decisions required of junior leaders
- □ Prepare for violent conflict
 - Reinforcements
 - Counterattack
 - Apache support



Critical Features



- □ Good intelligence
 - - *every soldier must participate*

- □ Good discipline

- □ Strong C2 & organization

- □ High state of alert

General Guidelines

- Ensure adequate mobility
- Never compromise protection of the troops

**Peacekeeping
Requires Professionals**



Summary

- □ *Provide Comfort*
- □ ★Bn-level lessons learned
 - Preparation
 - Operational
 - Critical Features
 - Essential Guidelines

Conclusions

- □ Peace Operations require capabilities similar to war
- □ Peace Operations are fluid, dynamic, and require preparation to succeed